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In re Application of: )  
Kunio SHIOTA et al. )  
Serial No.: Not yet assigned ) Group Art Unit:  
Filed: June 18, 2001 ) Examiner:

For: METHOD OF IDENTIFYING CELLS USING DNA METHYLATION PATTERNS

**Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231**

Sir:

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)**

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), applicants bring to the Examiner's attention the document listed on attached Form PTO-1449. A copy of the listed document is attached. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the document listed on attached Form PTO-1449 and indicate that it was considered by making an appropriate notation on this form.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed with the above-referenced application.

The following is listed on the accompanying PTO-1449 and is in a non-English language:

1. K. Shiota et al., "EPIGENETIC CONTROL OF CELLULAR DIFFERENTIATION AND DEVELOPMENT BY METHYLATION OF GENOMIC DNA".

In lieu of a statement of relevance or translation of the listed non-English language document, an English-language abstract of the document setting forth the relevance is enclosed.

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